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SUBJECT: POLISH MEAT SHORTAGE

REF: WARSAW 1354

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY LOWENSTEIN

1. LOWENSTEIN RAISED WITH ABSHIRE MARCH 8 NEED FOR EXTREME CAUTION IN RFE BROADCASTS TO POLAND ON PROBLEM OF MEAT AND FOOD SHORTAGES. ABSHIRE SAID THAT BARTHELEMY, AT HIS REQUEST, HAD ALREADY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH DURKEE IN NEW YORK AS A RESULT OF EARLIER TELEPHONE CALL FROM POLISH DESK OFFICER. LOWENSTEIN EMPHASIZED IN STRONGEST TERMS THE RESPECT WITH WHICH WE REGARD YOUR AUTHORITATIVE VIEWS, THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO RFE BEING RESPONSIVE TO THE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY GUIDANCE, AND OUR INTENTION TO HAVE EMBASSY MONITOR RFE BROADCASTS WITH PARTICULAR THOROUGHNESS IN COMING DAYS.

2. ABSHIRE CALLED BACK LATER TO ADVISE THAT HE HAD SPOKEN WITH BOTH BEAM AND DURKEE AND THEY HAD BEEN "RESPONSIVE TO THE DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTION" TO HANDLE SUBJECT WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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CAUTION.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CLOSEST EMBASSY MONITORING OF RFE
AND ARE PREPARED TO INTERVENE AGAIN WITH BIB IF NECESSARY.
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